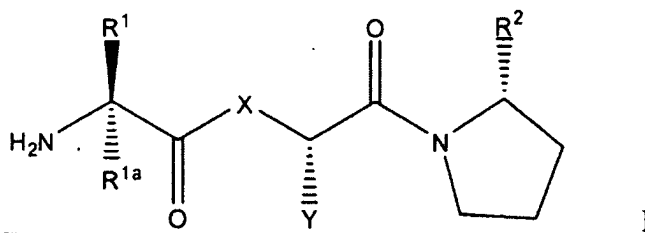


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions or listings of claims in this application.

1.-5. (cancelled)

6. (currently amended) A compound ~~according to claim 1~~, of formula I;
 wherein



wherein:

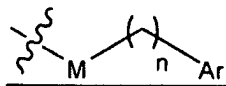
R¹ is methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, or ethenyl;

R^{1a} is H or methyl;

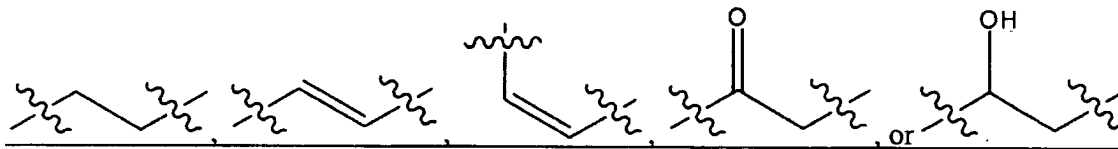
X is -O-, -S-, CH₂-, or -NH-, and J is -CH- or -N-, provided that when J is -N-, X is -CH₂- or -NH-;

Y is H, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, or isopropyl;

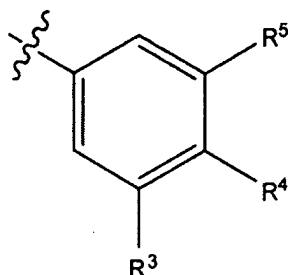
R² is:



M is:



Ar is:



R³, R⁴, and R⁵ are each independently H, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl halo, cyano, -(CH₂)_p-C(=O)OH, -(CH₂)_p-C(=O)O-alkyl, -(CH₂)_p-C(=O)NH₂;

n and p are each independently the integer 0, 1, 2, or 3, and the sum of (n+p) is the integer 2 or 3;

provided that at least one of R³, R⁴, and R⁵ is H, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, halo, or cyano;

provided that when one or more of R³ and R⁵ is isopropyl, R⁴ is other than isopropyl; and

provided that when R⁴ is isopropyl, R³ and R⁵ are each independently other than isopropyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

7. (currently amended) A compound according to claim 6, of formula [[L]] I, wherein one of R³, R⁴, and R⁵ is -(CH₂)_p-C(=O)OH, -(CH₂)_p-C(=O)O-alkyl, -(CH₂)_p-C(=O)NH₂.

8. (original) A compound according to claim 7, of formula I, wherein p is the integer 0.

9. (original) A compound according to claim 7, of formula I, wherein one of R³, R⁴, and R⁵ is -(CH₂)_p-C(=O)OH or -(CH₂)_p-C(=O)O-alkyl.

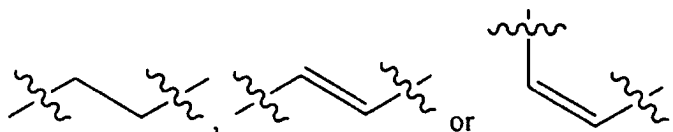
10. (currently amended) A compound according to claim 9, of formula [[L]] I wherein p is the integer 0.

11. (original) A compound according to claim 9, of formula I, wherein one of R³, R⁴, and R⁵ is -(CH₂)_p-C(=O)OH.

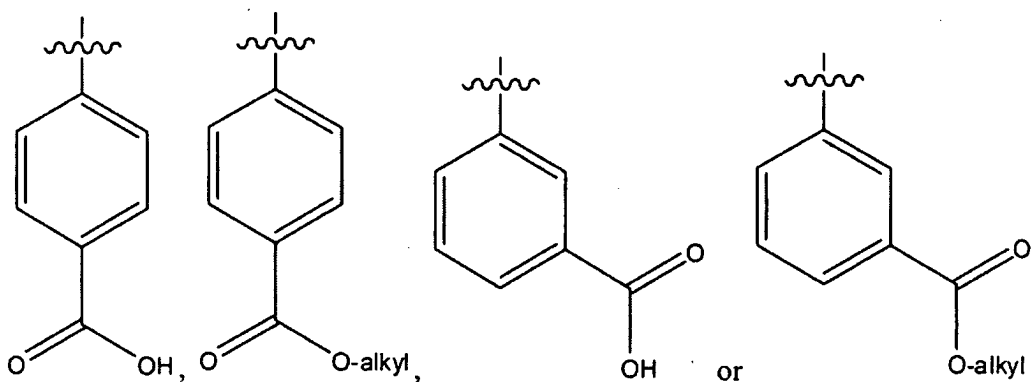
12. (currently amended) A compound according to claim 11, of formula $[[L]]$ I wherein p is the integer 0.

13. (currently amended) A compound according to claim $[[1]]$ 6, of formula $[[L]]$ I wherein the sum of (n+p) is the integer 2.

14. (currently amended) A compound according to claim $[[1]]$ 6, of formula I, wherein M is:



15. (currently amended) A compound according to claim $[[1]]$ 6, of formula I, wherein Ar is:



16.-47. (cancelled)